Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leroy and Marilyn Hodge exchanged their wedding vows on August 5, 1954, in Winner, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Leroy and Marilyn gave life and love to four children, Kelly, Debra, Becky, and Lana, who in turn presented them with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Leroy is active in soil conservation and enjoys hunting–Marilyn likes to quilt and collect cookbooks, they both enjoy time with family and friends; and,

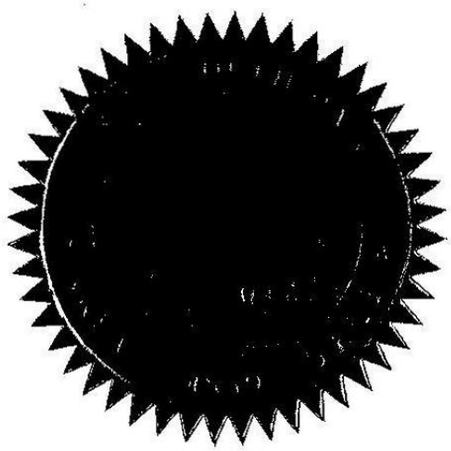
Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Leroy and Marilyn have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Leroy and Marilyn will be honored at an open house on July 31, 2004, as family and friends gather to share the memories of Leroy and Marilyn's married life, their dedication to the values of caring and sharing that helped make South Dakota a better place to live and work, and to commemorate this milestone in the lives of two of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2004, as

LEROY AND MARILYN HODGE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State